

SRS Legislative Proposals - 2007 Session
April 10, 2007

HB 2393 - Child Support Enforcement Fee Clarification and Medical Support Changes-
Status: 4/3/07 - Conference Committee report adopted in the Senate. House has not taken action on the Conference Committee report yet.

Fee Clarification - This legislation clarifies the Secretary's authority to impose CSE fees, whether or not deducted from support collections, insuring compliance with the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005

Medical Support Changes - This Legislation alters the priority of income withholding for a medical support order and clarifies other medical support provisions, insuring compliance with new requirements set forth in the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005.

SB 354 - Alcohol and Drug Abuse Treatment/ Community Alcoholism and Intoxication Program -

Status: 4/9/07 Approved by the Governor

Prior to this Legislation there were two sets of statutes that applied to alcohol and drug treatment: Alcoholism and Intoxication Treatment enacted in 1972 (K.S.A 65-4001), and Drug Abuse Treatment Facilities enacted in 1976 (K.S.A 65-4601). Funding streams are integrated and alcohol and drug abuse is now treated as one issue/problem. The statutes prior to this bill did not accurately reflect the current treatment provider system, funding streams, best practices, or philosophy of the Federal agency that provides funding for treatment services. With this legislation, the two statutes will be rewritten into one statute

Increase the Percent of Fines for the Community Alcoholism and Intoxication Program

Success of the 4th time DUI law has resulted in an increase in the number of offenders being served in treatment services which has placed an additional burden on the administrative and care coordination needs for the system. This legislation increases the percent of the fines SRS receives for the community alcoholism and intoxication program fund from 2.01 percent to 3.01 percent.

Licensure Requirements

SB 354 would also exempt persons licensed by the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board to diagnose and treat mental disorders, who treat patients in the usual course of their professional practice individuals who may be incapacitated by alcohol or other substances, but do not engage primarily in alcohol abuse and addiction treatment, from the requirement that they be licensed as a treatment facility.

SB 355 - Eliminates the sunset on the Foster Care Educational Assistance Act -

Status: 4/9/07 Approved by the Governor

HB 2455 - Revised Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children -

Status: In House Federal and State Affairs Committee

The Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children (ICPC) ensures that children placed across state lines for foster care or adoption are placed with persons who are safe, suitable, and able to provide proper care. It also allows for supervision and services to be arranged and/or provided by the receiving state. The current compact was adopted by Kansas in 1976. Concerns about timeliness, overly broad application, outdated administrative process, and lack of accountability led to a revision of the current ICPC.

The proposed revision of the ICPC will 1) narrow the types of placements covered, 2) clarify jurisdiction and financial responsibility, 3) provide review process for states or parties unhappy with the receiving state decision, and 4) provide for development of rules in compliance with the Model State Administrative Procedures Act. These changes will provide tools for the collective member states of the Interstate Commission to secure compliance, including technical assistance, mediation, arbitration, and legal action.

In order for the revised ICPC to become effective, at least 35 state legislatures must replace the current compact through enacting legislation. Congress, in HR 5403, has urged states to adopt the revised compact quickly.

HB 2503 - Child Support Enforcement Insurance Liens -

Status: In House Health and Human Services Committee.

This bill expands existing administrative child support enforcement remedies by creating procedures to identify and intercept insurance proceeds otherwise payable to support debtors. The bill also amends existing laws to streamline support enforcement procedures and eliminate ambiguities.